## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re the PATENT APPLICATION of

MURAKAMI, Yukiyoshi

Appln No: to be assigned

Filed: July 8, 2003

For: TONER-SUPPLEMENTING DEVICE AND TONER-AGITATING MEMBER Ex. to be determined

Art Unit: to be determined

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington DC 20231

Sir:

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENT**

This paper is a Preliminary Amendment co-filed with the new utility application identified above; this paper is filed for the purpose of eliminating multiple dependent claims. It is respectfully requested that the fee be calculated <u>after entry of this amendment</u>.

This paper is formated in accordance with the "Revised Format for Amendments" dated Feb. 13, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: